Mr. S.R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Taluk

in all Taluk Headquarters where rice, ragi or jola and broken rice may be sold at fixed rates of 5 seers and 10 seers a rupee, respectively. Otherwise, merchants charge exorbitant rates. Government fixed a rate for the sale of kerosine oil, but the merchants have begun to sell a tin of oil at the rate of 10 to 15 rupees. The poor are suffering immensely. Government should purchase all the oil and sell it through their depots.

Food Controller.—Government have ordered the opening of grain depots in places where they are required. Government had fixed the rates for rice, ragi, etc., but the arrangements, did not work satisfactorily. As for the oil question, Government cannot purchase and sell all the oil required by the whole population. There would be other serious difficulties if we purchase the oil. Please see the *Hindu* of the 17th instant and you will know what a great trouble it will be, if we take away kerosine oil from the hands of the company's agents. We have made another arrangement; we have got lists from the various municipalities and hospitals and other institutions showing their requirements, and according to these, oil has been supplied.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurthi Rao.—An officer should be deputed to Burma, as was done for rice, to purchase oil.

Mr. Usman Khan suggested the starting of a poor fund by merchants.

Mr. Krishna Sastry suggested the starting ofgrain banks.

Revenue Commissioner.—The idea of grain banks is a good one. They have been started in Kolar, Chitaldrug and Tumkur. On account of the unfavourable seasonal conditions, much progress was not made.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami—The Food Controller may visit every district headquarter once a month and hold meetings and settle all grievances.

Mr. Narasimhachar.—Country carts should not be stopped for not having lights, until kerosine oil is made available.

Reply of Government.—(1) Government are not in favour of fixing prices as suggested.

(2) Instructions have issued that grain depots should be started where they are found necessary.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Confidential Circulars by Heads of Departments.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—The practice of Heads of Departments treating circulars which affect the public as confidential should be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—Government have issued orders that when circulars involve important questions of

policy they should only be issued with the previous sanction of Government. Government agree that circulars affecting the public should not be treated as confidential.

SUBJECT No. 180.

ıe for holding the Second ession of the Represen- ıtive Assembly.

Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, ıgadi Taluk.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao.—April Session if it should be in April should be held either in Bangalore or on the Nandi hill. It may be held in June.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao.—June will be inconvenient to ryots.

Reply of Government.—This has been already discussed. (See budget discussion).

SUBJECT No. 181.

posal of large State Con- :acts.

rs. H. Krishnasastry, Venkata- bbiah and Sambhu Gowda, ishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The terms of the contracts between the Government and companies in regard to large and important concerns may be brought to the notice of the Members of the Representative Assembly and their opinion taken before they are concluded.

Reply of Government.—These are business matters. Sometimes whether Government can get good terms may depend upon not making the discussion of the terms public. The proposal cannot be accepted.

SUBJECT No. 182.

ply of kit carts to Amil- ırs.

rs. H. Krishnasastry, Venkata- bbiah and Sambhu Gowda, ishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All Amildars may be provided with a kit cart each at Government cost.

Dewan.—All such officers should maintain their own conveyances.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—We are only anxious that Amildars should own carts so that the people's carts will not be requisitioned.

Reply of Government.—The fact of this subject having been brought up for discussion will be communicated to the Amildars.

SUBJECT No. 183.

ıoval of the increased ,te of subscription to the *'ysore Gazette.*

A. V. Suryanarayana Chetty, ıalgud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The old rates of subscription to the *Mysore Gazette* may be revived and the increase recently ordered removed.

Dewan.—The rate of subscription is very much less when compared to other places. Orders have been issued to make the Gazette more interesting and helpful to the public.

Mr. M. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao.—Part III is not published in Kannada. Legislative Council Proceedings appear in that Part.

Dewan.—I will enquire into the matter.

UBJECT No. 184.

ication of the District oard Proceedings in the *ysore Gazette.*

t. Gopalasami Iyer, District ırd, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that proceedings of the District Boards may be published in the *Mysore Gazette* free of cost.

Mr. R. Gopalswamy Iyer.—Proceedings of District Board meetings may be published in the *Mysore Gazette*, only the actual charges being charged.

Reply of Government.—If the District Boards make a representation it will be considered.